

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action mailed March 5, 2004. For this response original claims 1 – 14 remain pending in the application and claims 15 – 20 have been withdrawn with traverse. The Examiner has restricted the claims to Groups I and II, which correspond to claim groups 1 - 14 and 15 - 20, respectively.

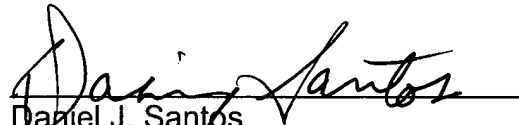
Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the claims to Groups I and II, which correspond to claim groups 1 - 14 and 15 - 20, respectively. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1 – 14) for prosecution on the merits. The non-elected claims, namely claims 15 – 20, have been withdrawn by the amendment being filed herewith.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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